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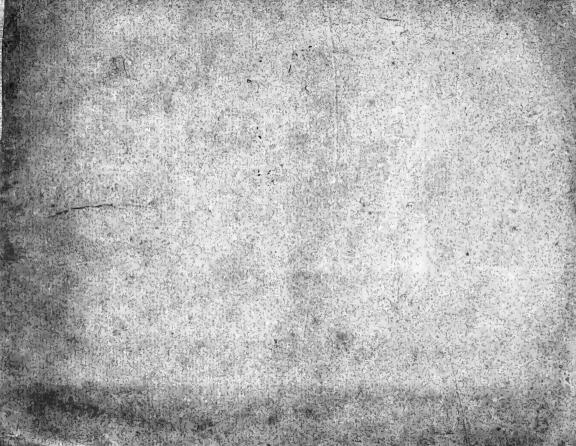
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HUMAS.

HYMN I.



HYMN II.







Sweet fields beyond the swelling flood
Stand drest in living green:
So to the Jews old Canaan stood,
While Jordan roll'd between.
But tim'rous mortals start and shrink,
To cross this narrow sea;
And linger, shiv'ring on the brink,
And fear to launch away.

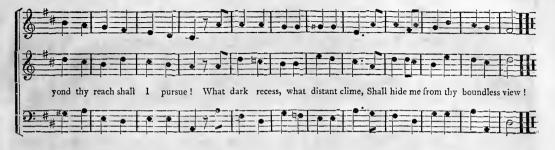
III.

Oh, could we make our doubts remove,
Those gloomy doubts that rise,
And see the Canaan that we love,
With unbeclouded eyes!—
Could we but climb where Moses stood,
And view the landscape o'cr—
Not Jordan's stream, nor death's cold flood,
Should fright us from the shore.

HYMN III.





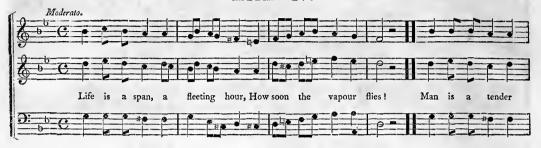


If up to heav'n's ethereal height
Thy prospects to elude, I rise;
In splendour there, supremely bright,
Thy presence shall my sight surprise.
Thee, mighty God! my wond'ring soul,
Thee all her conscious pow'rs adore;
Whose being circumscribes the whole,
Whose eyes the universe explore.

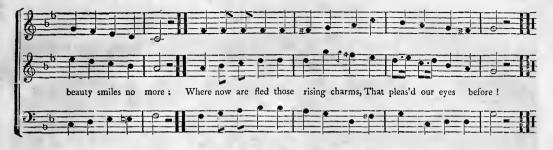
III.

Thine essence fills this breathing frame,
And glows in ev'ry vital part;
Lights up my soul with livelier flame,
And feeds with life my beating heart.
To thee, from whom my being came,
Whose smile is all the heav'n I know,
Inspir'd with this exalted theme,
To thee my grateful strains shall flow.

HYMN IV.



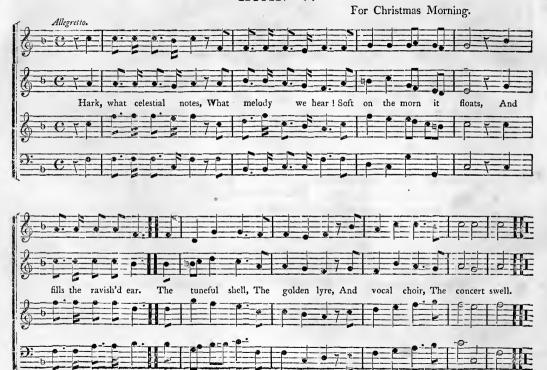




That once lov'd form, now cold and dead,
Each mournful thought employs;
And nature weeps her comforts fled,
And wither'd all her joys.
But wait the interposing gloom,
And lo! stern winter flies;
And, drest in beauty's fairest bloom,
The flow'ry tribes arise.

III.

Hope looks beyond the bounds of time,
When what we now deplore,
Shall rise in full immortal prime,
And bloom to fade no more.
Then cease, fond nature! dry thy tears;
Religion points on high:
There everlasting spring appears,
And joys, which cannot die.



Th' angelick hosts descend, With harmony divine: See! how from heav'n they bend, And in full chorus join.

"Fear not," say they,
"Great joy we bring;
Jesus, your King,
Is born to-day.

III

He comes, from error's night Your wand'ring feet to save; To realms of bliss and light He lifts you from the grave, This glorious morn,

This glorious morn,
(Let all attend!)
Your matchless friend,
Your Saviour's born.

IV.

Glory to God on high!

Ye mortal's spread the sound,

And let your raptures fly

To earth's remotest bound!

For peace on earth.

For peace on earth, From God in heav'n, To man is giv'n, At Jesus' birth."

HYMN VI.



The shepherds on the lawn,
Before the point of dawn,
In social circle sat, while all around
The gentle fleecy brood
Or cropp'd the flow'ry food,
Or slept, or sported on the verdant ground.

III.

When lo! with ravish'd ears,
Each swain delighted hears

Sweet musick, offspring of no mortal hand;
Divinely warbled voice,
Answ'ring the stringed noise,

With blissful rapture charm'd the list'ning band.

IV.

They saw a glorious light
Burst on their wond'ring sight,
Harping in solemn quire, in robes array'd,
The helmed cherubim
And sworded seraphim
Are seen in glitt'ring ranks with wings display'd.

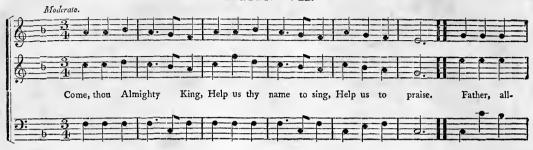
V.

Sounds of so sweet a tone
Before were never known,
But when of old the sons of morning sung,
While God dispos'd in air
Each constellation fair,
And the well-balanc'd world on hinges hung.

VI.

Hail, hail, auspicious morn!
The Saviour Christ is born:
(Such was th' immortal seraph's song sublime!)
Glory to God in heav'n!
To man sweet peace be giv'n,
Sweet peace and friendship to the end of time!

HYMN VII.





Come, thou eternal LORD,
By heav'n and earth ador'd,
Our pray'r attend;
Come, and thy people bless,
Give thy good word success;
Make thine own holiness
On us descend!

III.

Be thou our comforter;
Thy sacred witness bear
In this glad hour:
Omnipotent thou art;
Then rule in ev'ry heart,
And ne'er from us depart,
Spirit of pow'r!

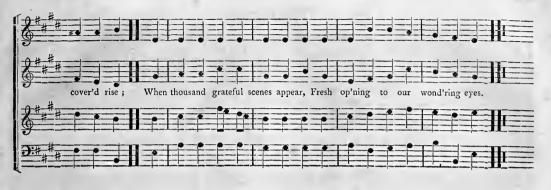
IV.

O holy One! to thee
Eternal praises be
Hence, evermore!
Thy sov'reign majesty
May we in glory see,
And to eternity
Loye and adore!

HYMN VIII





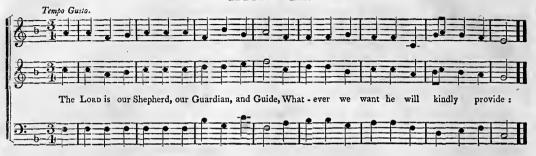


O how delightful 'tis to see
The earth in vernal beauty drest!
While in each herb, and flow'r, and tree,
Thy blooming glories shine confest!
Aloft, full beaming, reigns the sun,
And light and genial heat conveys:
And, while he leads the seasons on,
From thee derives his quick'ning rays.

III.

Around us, from the teeming field,
Springs the rich grain, or purpled vine;
At thy command they rise to yield
The strength'ning bread, or cheering wine.
Indulgent God! from ev'ry part,
Thy plenteous blessings largely flow:
We see—we taste—let ev'ry heart
With grateful love and duty glow.

HYMN IX.





The LORD is our shepherd; what then shall we fear? What danger can frighten us, while he is near? Not when the time calls us to walk through the vale Of the shadow of death, shall our hearts ever fail.

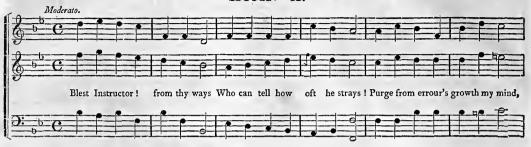
III.

Though afraid, of ourselves, to pursue the dark way, Thy rod and thy staff be our comfort and stay; For we know by thy guidance, when once it is past, To a fountain of life it will bring us at last.

IV.

The LORD is become our salvation and song, His mercies have follow'd us all our life long; His name will we praise, while we have any breath, Be content all our life, and resign'd in our death.

HYMN X.







So my lot shall ne'er be join'd With the man whose impious mind, Fearless of thy just command, Braves the vengeance of thy hand. Let my tongue, from errour free, Speak the words approv'd by thee; To thine all-observing eyes, Let my thoughts accepted rise.

III.

Taught by thee, thy servant's breast Joys the blessings to attest, Heap'd on those whose hearts sincere Learn thy precepts to revere. While I thus thy name adore, And thy healing grace implore, Blest Redeemer! bow thine ear; God, my strength! propitious hear.

HYMN XI.







The sun himself, with gath'ring clouds opprest, Shall in his silent, dark pavillion rest; His golden urn shall break, and useless lie Amidst the common ruins of the sky: The stars rush headlong in the wild commotion, And bathe their glitt'ring foreheads in the ocean.

III.

But fix'd, O Gon! for ever stands thy throne:

Jehovah reigns, a universe alone:

Th' eternal fire, that feeds each vital flame,

Collected, or diffus'd, is still the same.

He dwells within his own unfathom'd essence,

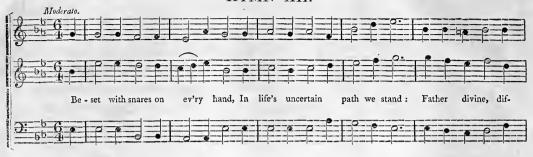
And fills all space with his unbounded presence.

IV.

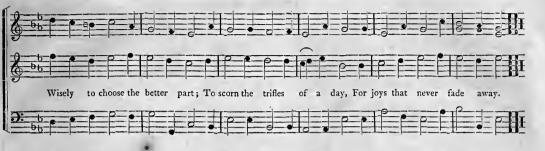
But oh! our highest notes the theme debase, And silence is our least injurious praise: Cease, cease your songs, the daring flight control:

Revere him in the stillness of the soul:
With silent duty meekly bend before him,
And deep within your inmost hearts adore him.

HYMN XII.

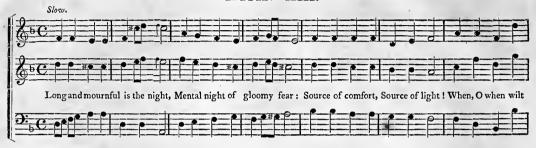


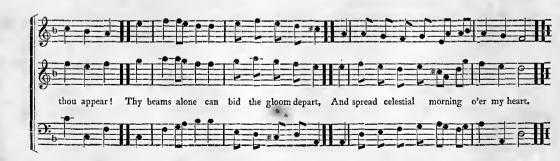




Then let the fiercest storms arise; Let tempests mingle earth and skies: No fatal shipwreck shall we fear, But all our treasures with us bear. If thou, our Father, still be nigh, Cheerful we live, and joyful die: Secure, when mortal comforts flee, To find ten thousand worlds in thee.

HYMN XIII.





Morning of that glorious day,
Which the blest enjoy above,
Where with full unclouded ray
Shines thine everlasting love:
Where joy triumphant fills the bright abode,
O happy world! fair paradise of Gon!

III.

Thither if the heart aspire,
Shall it, LORD, aspire in vain?
Shall the breathings of desire
Rise with unavailing pain?
O thou, my guide, my solace, and my rest!
In this sad desert shall I rove unblest?

IV.

Sure the LORD of life is near,

Though a cloud his face conceal:

Jesus! when wilt thou appear,

When thy cheering beams reveal!

When shall thy beams of soul-reviving light
Dispel this gloomy cloud, this mental night!

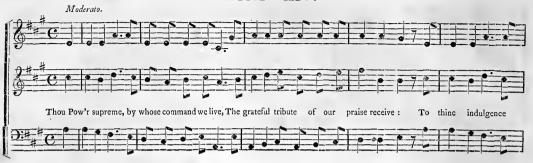
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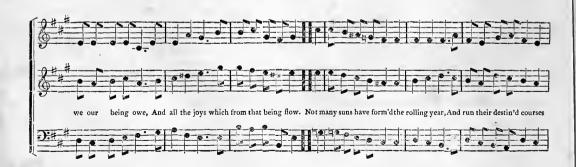
Not in vain aspires the heart,

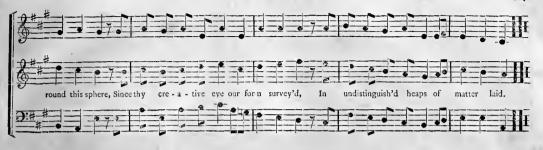
That depends on thee alone;
Light and joy thou wilt impart,
Radiant dawn of bliss unknown.

Here let me wait beneath thy guardian wing,
Till from thy smile celestial morning spring.

HYMN XIV.







Thy skill our elemental clay refin'd;
The vagrant particles in order join'd;
With perfect symmetry compos'd the whole,
And stamp'd thy sacred image on the soul:
A soul susceptible of endless joy,
Whose frame nor force, nor time shall e'er de-

stroy;
Which shall survive, though nature claim our breath.

And bid defiance to the darts of death:

III.

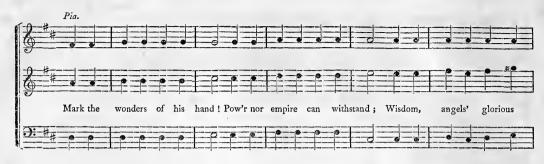
To realms of bliss with active freedom soar,
And live when earth and skies shall be no more:
Author of good! in vain our tongue essays
For this immortal gift to sing thy praise.
How shall our hearts their grateful sense reveal,
Where all the energy of words must fail!
O may its influence in our life appear,
And ev'ry action prove our thanks sincere!

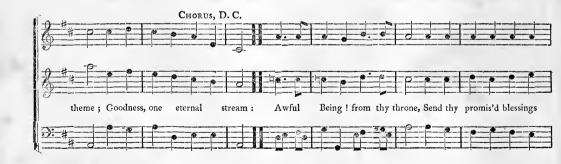


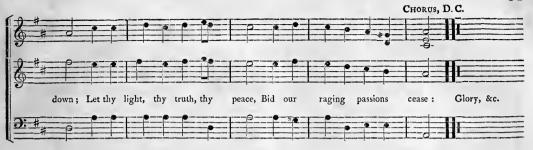




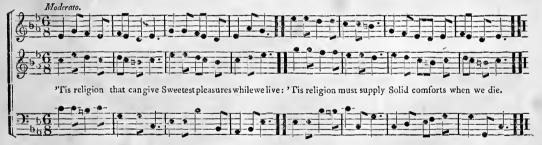








HYMN XVI.



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After death its joys will be Lasting as eternity: Let me then make God my friend, And on all his ways attend.

HYMN XVII.







In the beauty of holiness bow;

O worship with fear and with love!

How solemn his temples below!

How glorious his presence above!

Proclaim to the nations around,

That our God th' omnipotent reigns,

Whose righteousness space cannot bound,

Whose purpose unalter'd remains.

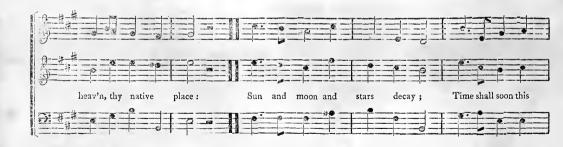
III.

O let the wide heavens rejoice,

The earth with her myriads be glad,
Old ocean shall join his loud voice,
And the woods in rich verdure be clad:
Rejoice! for the Lord is at hand;
Prepare! for his judgment is nigh;
Before him all nations shall stand;
No guilt from his justice can fly.

HYMN XVIII.







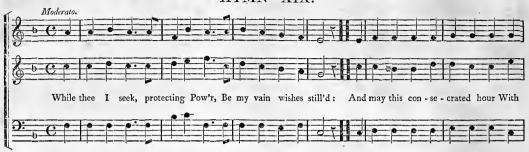
Rivers to the ocean run,

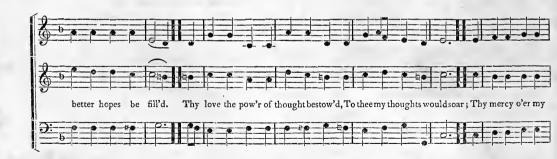
Nor stay in all their course;
Fire ascending seeks the sun;
Both hasten to their source:
So a soul, that 's born of God,
Pants to view his glorious face,
Upward tends to his abode,
To rest in his embrace.

III.

Cease, ye pilgrims! cease to mourn,
Press onward to the prize;
Soon the Saviour will return,
Triumphant in the skies:
Yet a season, and you know
Happy entrance will be giv'n,
All our sorrows left below,
And earth exchang'd for heav'n.

HYMN XIX.







In each event of life, how clear,
Thy ruling hand I see!
Each blessing to my soul more dear,
Because conferr'd by thee.
In ev'ry joy that crowns my days,
In ev'ry pain I bear,
My heart shall find delight in praise,
Or seek relief in pray'r.

III.

When gladness wings my favour'd hour,
Thy love my thoughts shall fill:
Resign'd, when storms of sorrow low'r,
My soul shall meet thy will.
My lifted eye, without a tear,
The gath'ring storm shall see;
My steadfast heart shall know no fear;—
That heart will rest on thee!

HYMN XX.



praise th' Al - migh - ty

mandates of his word, Whirlwinds and tempests

Praise him, ye monsters of the deep,
That in the sea's vast bosom sleep;
At whose command the foaming billows roar,
Yet know their limits, tremble, and adore.

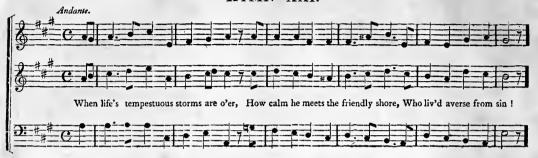
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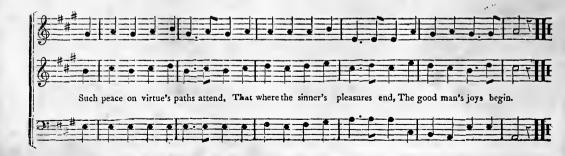
Praise him, old monuments of time!
O praise him, ye in youthful prime!
All ye, who shine in beauty's excellence!
And praise him, thou sweet age of innocence!

IV.

Let the wide world his praises sing,
From whom its various blessings spring:
Let echoing anthems make his praises known,
On earth his footstool, as in heav'n his throne!

HYMN XXI





See smiling patience smooth his brow!

See bending angels downward bow,

To lift his soul on high!

While eager for the blest abode,

He joins with them to praise the God,

Who taught him how to die.

III.

The horrours of the grave and hell,
Those horrours which the wicked feel,
In vain their gloom display;
For he who bids yon comet burn,
Or makes the night descend, can turn
Their darkness into day.

IV.

No sorrow drowns his lifted eyes,

No horrour wrests the struggling sighs,

As from the sinner's breast;

His God, the God of peace and love,

Pours kindly solace from above,

And heals his soul with rest.

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HYMN XXII.







H.

Salvation I need,
I want to be freed
From all my distress,
And feel in my heart
The rich blessings of peace.

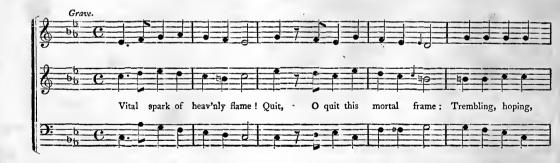
III.

Take me as I am,
Thy property claim,
My nature refine,
And form my affections.
And temper divine.

HYMN XXIII.

FUNERAL ODE.

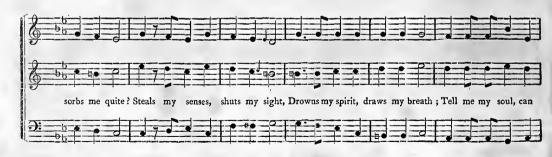


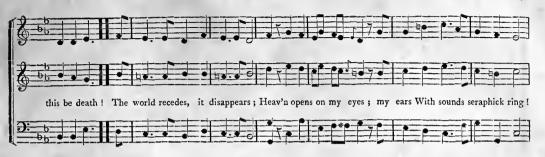








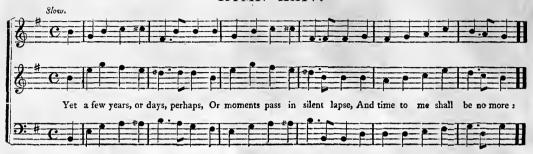






Close with the Organ as at the beginning.

HYMN XXIV.





11.

Great Gon! how awful is the scene!

A breath, a transient breath between;

And can I trifle life away?

To earth, alas! too firmly bound,

Trees deeply rooted in the ground

Are shiver'd when they 're torn away.

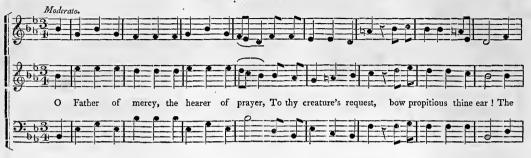
III.

Yet, dumb with wonder, I behold
Man's thoughtless race, in errour bold,
Forget or scorn the laws of death;
With these no projects coincide,
Nor vows, nor toils, nor hopes they guide;
Each thinks he draws immortal breath.

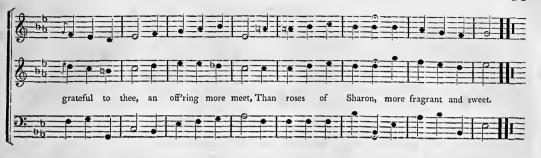
IV.

Great cause of all, above, below!
Who knows thee, must forever know
That thou 'rt immortal and divine:
Thine image on my soul imprest,
Of endless being is the test,
And bids eternity be mine.

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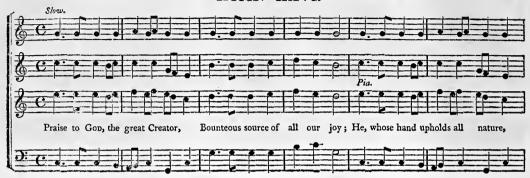
As the orient sun, chasing darkness away,

Dawns bright in the east, and kindles the day—
So hopes cheering beam from the fountain of light,

Is diffus'd through the soul in affliction's dark night.

If then my heart droop, let me never repine; But O may this GoD, this kind Father be mine!

HYMN XXVI.





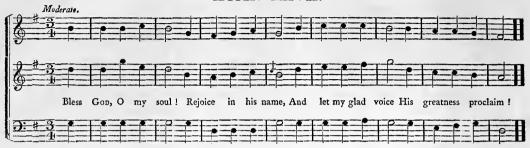


Round his awful footstool kneeling,
Lowly bend with contrite souls;
Here, his milder grace revealing,
Here, his wrath no thunder rolls:
Lo! th' eternal page before us
Bears the cov'nant of his love;
Full of mercy to restore us,
Mercy, beaming from above.

III.

Ev'ry secret fault confessing,
Deeds unrighteous, thought of sin,
Seize, O seize the proffer'd blessing,
Grace from God, and peace within:
Heart and voice with rapture swelling,
Still the song of glory raise;
On the theme immortal dwelling,
Join the universal praise.

HYMN XXVII.





The sky we behold,
A curtain display'd,
The chambers of heav'n
On waters are laid.
The clouds are a chariot,
Thy glory to bear;
On wings thou art wafted,
Thou ridest on air.

III.

As rapid as fire,

Thine angels on high
Convey thy commands,
Thy ministers fly.
The earth, on its basis
Eternal sustain'd,
Is fix'd in the station
Thy wisdom ordain'd.

IV.

Thy providence fix'd
The stream and its source;
The sea knows its bounds,
The rivers their course.
Convey'd through dark channels,
Springs rise on the hills,
They burst in the fountains,
They fall in the rills.

V.

Descending on hills,
Clouds plenteousness pour;
All nature revives,
Earth smiles in the show'r;
A garment of verdure
Apparels the plain;
Fruits swell in the garden,
Fields wave with their grain.

HYMN XXVIII.





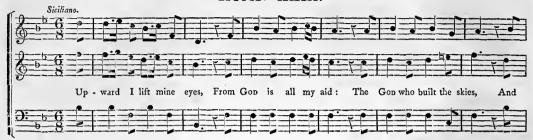


JESUS, hail! enthron'd in glory,
There forever to abide;
All the heav'nly hosts adore thee,
Seated at thy Father's side.
There forever thou art pleading,
There thou dost our place prepare;
Ever for us interceding,
Till in heaven we appear,

III.

Glory, honour, pow'r and blessing,
Thou art worthy to receive;
Loudest praises, without ceasing,
Meet it is for us to give.
Help, ye bright angelick spirits!
Lend your loudest, noblest lays;
Join to sing our Saviour's merits,
And to celebrate his praise.

HYMN XXIX.





My feet shall never slide, Nor fall in fatal snares, Since God, my guard and guide, Defends me from my fears.

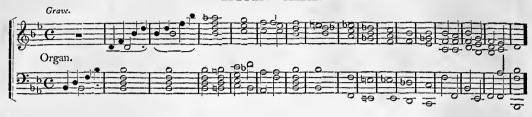
Those wakeful eyes, That never sleep, His children keep, When dangers rise. III.

No burning heats by day,
Nor blasts of evening air,
Shall take my health away,
If God be with me there.
Thou art my sun,
And thou my shade,
To guard my head,
By night or noon.

IV.

Hast thou not giv'n thy word,
To save my soul from death?
And I can trust my Lord
To keep my mortal breath:
I'll go and come,
Nor fear to die,
Till from on high
Thou call me home.

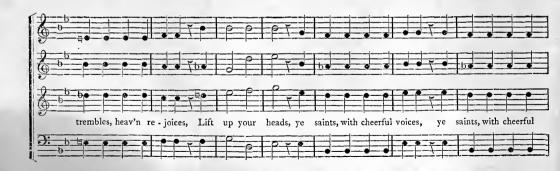
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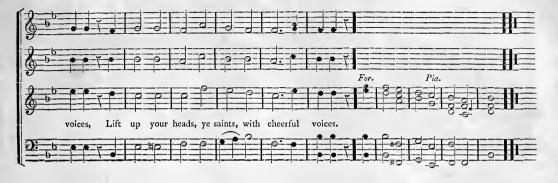






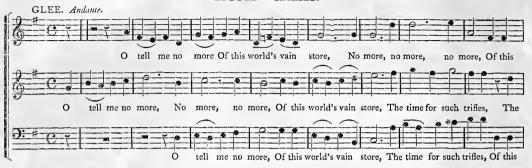






No more shall atheists mock his long delay; His vengeance sleeps no more; behold the day! Behold the judge descends! his guards are nigh; Tempest and fire attend him down the sky. When GoD appears, all nature shall adore him, While sinners tremble, saints rejoice before him.

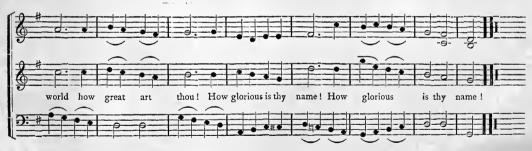
HYMN XXXI.





HYMN XXXII.





II.

When heav'n, thy beauteous work on high, Employs my wond'ring sight;

The moon, that nightly rules the sky, With stars of feebler light:

III.

What's mortal man, that, LORD, thou lov'st
To keep him in thy mind?
Or what his offspring, that thou prov'st
To them so wondrous kind?

HYMN XXXIII.



In heav'n above thy will is done,
There, angels wait around thy throne,
Thy counsels to obey;
Addring at thy feet they fall

Adoring at thy feet they fall,
Confess thee sov'reign Lord of all,
And own thy pow'rful sway.

III.

LORD, may we join the heav'nly throng,
May mortals learn th' angelick song,
Who dwell beneath the sun:
May ev'ry tongue thy praise proclaim,
This be the universal theme,
"Jehovah's will be done.

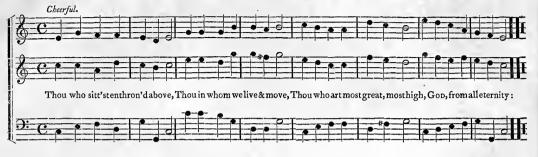
HYMN XXXIV.





In ev'ry creature, Lord, I own thy pow'r; In each event, thy providence adore: Thy promises shall cheer my drooping soul, Thy precepts guide me, and thy fear control. Then, when at last I quit this transient scene, Help me to leave it with a heart screne: Teach me to fix my ardent hopes on high, And having liv'd to thee, in thee to die.

HYMN XXXV.



II.

O how sweet, how excellent, 'T is when tongue and heart consent; Grateful hearts, and joyful tongues, Hymning thee in tuneful songs!

III.

When the morning paints the skies, When the stars of evening rise, We thy praises will record, Sovereign Ruler! mighty Lord!

IV.

Decks the spring with flow'rs the field? Harvest rich doth autumn yield? Giver of all good below!

LORD! from thee these blessings flow.

v.

Sovereign Ruler! mighty LORD! We thy praises will record: Giver of these blessings! we Pour the grateful song to thee.







